Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A method for storing and selecting a single broadcast channel of interest in a consumer electronics appliance, which can be switched over between different channels, comprising the steps of:

determining that a reception duration of a currently received channel has exceeded a predetermined time interval;

memorizing said currently received channel as said single channel of interest, when said reception duration of said currently received channel exceeds said predetermined time interval, said single channel of interest being adapted to be recalled by a dedicated command;

identifying switching between said different channels; and

changing over to said single channel of interest upon activation of said dedicated command.

22. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 21, wherein the determining step comprises the step of determining said reception duration of the currently received channel only until said reception duration exceeds said predetermined time interval.

23. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 21, further comprising the step of setting said predetermined time interval.

24. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 21, wherein said changing over step is initiated by operating a control element.

25. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 21, further comprising the step of storing a picture relating to said channel of interest as video information in a frame memory.

26. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 21, further comprising the step of erasing said channel of interest after a program on said channel of interest has ended.

27. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 21, wherein the changing over step comprises the step of displaying said single channel of interest using a picture in picture feature.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (currently amended) A method for storing and selecting a single channel of interest for a television set, which can be switched over between different program channels, comprising the steps of:

setting a predetermined time interval;

determining that a reception duration of a currently received channel has exceeded said predetermined time interval;

memorizing said currently received channel as said single channel of interest, when said reception duration of said currently received channel exceeds said predetermined time interval, said single channel of interest being adapted to be recalled by a dedicated command;

identifying switching between said different program channels; and

changing over directly to said <u>single</u> channel of interest upon activation of said dedicated command.

30. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 29, wherein the determining step comprises the step of determining said reception duration of the currently received channel only until said reception duration exceeds the predetermined time interval.

31. (cancelled)

32. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 29, wherein said changing over step is initiated by operating a control element.

33. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 29, further comprising the step of storing a picture relating to said channel of interest as video information in a frame memory.

34. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 29, further comprising the step of erasing said channel of interest after a program on said channel of interest has ended.

35. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 29, wherein the changing over step comprises the step of displaying said channel of interest using a picture in picture feature.

36. (cancelled)